

Personal News, Facts, Fancies and Brief Happenings Abroad as Told by the Cables

PEEPHOLE EYE
DISTURB FAMILIES
IN FRENCH TOWN

50,000 Francs Offered for
Discovery of Author of
Anonymous Missives.

VICTIMS BECOME INSANE

List of Delinquent Husbands
and Wives Posted on Public Building.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Paris, Jan. 7.
A reward of 50,000 francs is being offered for the discovery of the author of hundreds of anonymous letters which have thrown the highest families of Tulle, in the Department of Corrèze, into a state of wild excitement and have already sent two victims to the insane asylum by the revelation of sensational scandals involving their family life.

The letters are signed "The Tiger's Eye." Apparently they are the work of some one who has gone to great lengths to learn the details of the marital troubles of his victims, while he also knows every peccadillo of the male and female population of the southern city.

So far only ten persons have been violently attacked in these letters, but scores of others have received hints that they are on the list for future attention, and the whole population is now suspicious of its closest friends and neighbors. The series of revelations started last August, when early one morning a long list was found pinned outside the door of the town hall. This at first was believed to bear merely announcements of forthcoming marriages. Closer inspection, however, disclosed that the list actually gave the names of men and women, mostly married, who had been living double lives. So accurate were the details that many of those mentioned families tried to hush up the scandal. The list remained before the public the entire morning and attracted immense interest.

After the letter writer confined himself to single revelations, but the thing was so arranged that the letters were read by three or four families before they were intended. For instance, one envelope bearing the address of Monsieur Durand contained the request that the contents should be read to the wife of Monsieur Durand, but the details affected only a third party and naturally the letter was transmitted to him after the anonymous persecutor had achieved his purpose of spreading the information.

One letter signed with the name of a respectable married woman purported to give admissions of her conduct as well as the confession that she was the author of the mysterious letters, and although it is now known that this was merely another trick of "The Tiger's Eye" to mystify the inhabitants of Tulle, it is said that the woman's husband had he committed suicide a few days after he had been admitted to an insane asylum.

Another victim of a town official who, when the revelations seemed to indicate that he alone was able to give certain information, began confessing to the authorship of the letters and is now on the verge of bankruptcy.

As the police are not allowed to give rewards for the capture of such offenders the citizens have threatened to lynch the culprit as soon as sufficient evidence is obtained to convict him.

'LAIRD OF DRUMBLAIR'
PLEADS GUILTY OFFRAUD

Gives Details of Tales to Attract Social Climbers.

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New York Herald Bureau,
London, Jan. 7.
The bogus Laird of Drumbair, who called himself Col. Hanbury-Williams and entertained London society in a most elaborate manner, has been exposed as a detailed in dispatches to THE NEW YORK HERALD, pleaded guilty at Aberdeen to a long series of frauds and was sentenced to six months in prison.

The indictment gave the details of four aliases and the stories of wealth and position he had in order to obtain a lease on the famous estate and attract social climbers, and also charged him with defrauding a score of tradesmen.

He appeared in court shabbily dressed, with his wife and daughter, garbed in the most expensive furs, consoling him from the spectators' gallery. A few days ago he admitted that he never knew his real name. He said his present name was John Mercer, and that she is said they were imprisoned in the hold of the ship. The captain did not know of their presence aboard his vessel, as they were never allowed above deck.

At Colon, Panama, the girls were discovered and were put ashore at Callao, Peru, with the sailors who had deceived them aboard the ship at Glasgow. They appeared to the British Consul, who sent them home.

BIG GERMAN CITIES PLAN
BUILDING OF SKYSCRAPERS

Berlin, Cologne and Leipzig to Be First to Erect Them
on American Plan, That of Latter Being
Entirely of Stone.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Berlin, Jan. 7.
Skyscrapers will soon have a triumphal entry into Germany. The lack and the high price of building space in the business quarters of the big German cities have made the tall building question a topical one here.

Berlin, Cologne and Leipzig will be the first German cities to build the "New York monsters," as some of the

rather conservative German professors call them. The first Cologne skyscraper will probably show comparatively the greatest architectural beauty and style. It is to form a part, so to speak, of the bridgehead of a new suspension bridge across the Rhine at that city.

While the nature of the ground in Berlin and Cologne will require steel construction after the American fashion, that in Leipzig will not. The Leipzig skyscrapers will be entirely of stone.

BERLIN UNIVERSITY
GETS NOTED STATUE

'Demeter of Locris,' Offered to
Louvre, Claimed by Italy
as Stolen.

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New York Herald Bureau,
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The mysterious journey of a famous statue to Berlin from Paris has caused heartburnings here. In 1914 the seated figure in marble known as the "Demeter of Locris," which was said by eminent critics, including Solomon Reinach, to be a most notable example of Greek art of the first half of the fifth century, was offered for sale to the Louvre authorities by a Paris authority named Hirsch, of German origin.

A high price was asked for the statue and negotiations for it were continuing when the Louvre authorities started peace negotiations. The statue was sequestered, but it was claimed by the Italians as having been stolen in Italy and fraudulently smuggled into France. Accordingly the sequestration was lifted and the statue was started toward Italy. Instead of reaching that destination, however, it arrived in Switzerland and thence to Berlin University at a price of more than a million marks.

The French art world is now insisting that the Louvre authorities start proceedings to enforce their option on the work.

MORMON MISSIONARIES
TO INVADE UTAH

Converts to Be Induced to Go
to Utah.

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According to Herbert Savage, who has returned to England after fifty years in America and becoming president of the Latter Day Saints, several missionaries are coming to Europe from Salt Lake City in search of converts over here. He says that the first group of half a dozen are ready to start.

The plan is to cover Holland, France and Germany, the idea being to induce the converts ultimately to go to Utah.

BURMESE PRINCESSES
PENILESS ORPHANS

Heir to Dynasty 2,000 Years
Old Expires in Saigon.

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The tragedy of one of the oldest royal dynasties is concealed in an ordinary advertisement published this week in newspapers in Saigon, French Cochinchina. In it Princesses Renee, Jeanne, Suzanne, Valentine, Helen and Marcelle Mygnon, the six daughters of the heir to the throne of Burma, who was exiled by the British and died in Saigon a few weeks ago, advertised their gratitude to friends who had written to them sympathizing with them in the loss of their father. The Prince left no heirs. His daughters are entirely without means.

The dynasty, which is this extinct, reigned for more than 2,000 years. In the East it was regarded as even more glorious and of more divine origin than that represented by the Japanese Emperor.

'ROBINS REDBREAST' QUIT
THE FRENCH CHAMBER

Attendants No Longer Garbed
in Quaint Uniform.

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The question "Who killed Cook Robin?" is heard in the corridors of the French Chamber of Deputies.

From time immemorial attendants at the night sittings of the Deputies were in quaint uniform which came down from royal times. This included a scarlet vest, whence the wearers were affectionately known as "Robins Redbreast."

As a result of the economy campaign this uniform was abolished beginning last September. Instead the attendants wear plain black coats marked with the initials "S. L." for "service intérieur." When they first appeared in the Chamber of Deputies many expressions of regret were heard from Deputies who clung to traditions.

FRENCH ART WORKS
NOW EXPORTED FREE

Old Law Repealed Putting 25
Per Cent. Tax on Shipments.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Paris, Jan. 7.
Works of art may again be exported freely from France subject only to a sales tax of 10 per cent. This law, which was passed on the last day of the old year, does away with the prohibition against the exportation of art works which had been in effect since August, 1920.

The law just repealed applied to all art works dated before the eighteenth century. An export tax of one-fourth their value was placed on all other art works for shipment out of France and various regulations were promulgated covering such exportations, thus making art sales abroad practically impossible to persons in France. It was hoped that this would bring in large sums of money, as it was thought foreign buyers would not begrudge this extra tax payment.

The contrary proved the case, however, and buyers went elsewhere, and as there were no home buyers the consequences were a change of bringing about a reconciliation with his family through the services of an attaché of the Rumanian legation here. Under the pretext of the necessity of following the attaché, who was told by Gold, who thus left Berlin for Strasbourg and then Lyons, Gold induced her to give him large sums of money from time to time.

Finally his fraud was discovered and he was arrested and brought to trial. The court expressed astonishment that the widow, who is an educated woman, could have believed the childlike fantastic tales told by Gold, who thus ends in jail a line of decent but, according to his words, began amid gorgeous surroundings in the imperial palace in Rome.

SIR WILLIAM ORPEN
SMOKED 600,000 'FAGS'

Now Recovering From Bad
Attack of Nicotine Poisoning.

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New York Herald Bureau,
London, Jan. 7.
Now that he is recovering from a serious attack of nicotine poisoning Sir William Orpen, who claims to have smoked 600,000 cigarettes in his forty-three years, declares that he is half inclined to start an anti-cigarette campaign. Among the helpful hints he gives to smokers is that they should never smoke on an empty stomach. "But, best of all, of course," he added, "do not smoke at all."

The famous painter was taken ill in Paris some weeks ago and returned here at Christmas time under orders to take a complete rest and make a drastic curtailment in his cigarette ration.

"I have been in the habit of smoking sixty 'gaspers' daily," he said. "Gradually I lost my appetite, became nervous and had attacks of giddiness. I was unable to do my work. I should never have known I was a slave to the habit of smoking every day since, including the time before my morning bath and while in bed. But I am afraid that those days are past. I will no longer be a normal example for cigarette smokers, for I warn all smokers that nicotine poisoning is a most painful business."

THREE TAXES MAY SHUT
PARIS FILM THEATERS

Gloomy Year Faced Aggravated
by Poor Business.

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New York Herald Bureau,
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Unless taxes are decreased and business increased every cinema theater in France may have to close in less than six months. This was the gloomy message delivered at the meeting of the proprietors held in Paris.

French cinema theaters are at present subject to three distinct taxes—State, municipal and for the support of the poor in the smaller towns. The combined levy, it was declared, represents more than 50 per cent. of the total receipts. To meet this situation, it was asserted, it was necessary to raise the price of admission more than the French public will stand. Already many of the smaller theaters have been forced out of business, and every week others are closing.

It was insisted that either the whole French cinema industry would be jeopardized or else drastic measures would have to be taken. A proposal that the cinema theater owners declare a nationwide strike and close every one of their houses in France for a fortnight was held in abeyance pending the outcome of negotiations between the theater owners and the Government and the municipal authorities.

Berlin Buys Caviar at
6,000 Marks a Pound

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MARCUS AURELIUS'S
FAKE 'DESCENDANT'

Rumanian Named Gold Has
Prosaic Finish of Career
in Berlin.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Berlin, Jan. 7.
A sentence of four years in prison was the prosaic finish to the Berlin career of a man who asserted he was a direct descendant of Marcus Aurelius, Emperor of Rome from A. D. 161 to 180. This man is a Rumanian named Gold, alias Addin Aurelius. He has just been sentenced by a Berlin court for cheating a wealthy widow of her fortune under false pretenses.

Gold came to Berlin before the war. Being a Rumanian, he was interned after hostilities began. After the armistice he became an employee of a land and estates agency. The widow of a land owner coming to Berlin in order to buy land called at the agency, where she met Gold. He introduced himself to her under the name of Addin Aurelius.

His manners and the fantastic tales he told of his ancestry had resulted in the two becoming engaged. He told her his family was descended directly from the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius. He said he joined the German army as an officer in the flying corps during the war, as a result of which his family, which was a wealthy one in Rumania, broke off all relations with him on patriotic grounds.

Then he suddenly informed his fiancée that there was a chance of bringing about a reconciliation with his family through the services of an attaché of the Rumanian legation here. Under the pretext of the necessity of following the attaché, who was told by Gold, who thus left Berlin for Strasbourg and then Lyons, Gold induced her to give him large sums of money from time to time.

Finally his fraud was discovered and he was arrested and brought to trial. The court expressed astonishment that the widow, who is an educated woman, could have believed the childlike fantastic tales told by Gold, who thus ends in jail a line of decent but, according to his words, began amid gorgeous surroundings in the imperial palace in Rome.

FOUGHT DUEL TO KILL,
HE TELLS PARIS COURT

Camille La Farge Held for
Wounding Count de Poret.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Paris, Jan. 7.
"I was not fighting a duel for publicity. I fought with the firm intention of killing my adversary." This was the declaration of Camille La Farge when he was haled into a Paris court and charged with dueling and wounding Count de Poret last September. At the trial, which ends this morning, La Farge will have to explain his conduct and when these did not serve their purpose the combatants resorted to swords.

M. La Farge's admission effectively removed the case from the jurisdiction of the lower court and it will be heard at the February session of the Assizes, with the possibility of a prison sentence for the defendant. A proposal that La Farge be haled into court on a charge of dueling and wounding Count de Poret last September. At the trial, which ends this morning, La Farge will have to explain his conduct and when these did not serve their purpose the combatants resorted to swords.

GERMANY TO COIN
1 AND 5 MARK PIECES

Shoppers May Have to Use
Handbag for Purse.

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Berlin, Jan. 7.
Moving sidewalks on a really large scale will be introduced in the Paris streets before another year goes by if the inventors submit their plans to producing a workable scheme.

At a meeting of the Municipal Council it was decided to offer three prizes of 100,000, 50,000 and 30,000 francs for the best schemes submitted. There are practically no limitations. The plans may be for underground, overhead or street level sidewalks so long as they help ease pedestrian traffic and make transportation quicker and safer.

VIENNA UNIVERSITY
MAY CLOSE ITS DOORS

Lack of Funds and Professors
Near Starvation.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Vienna, Jan. 7.
The Government plans to introduce this college after a long interval during which it was hampered by the fact that the projected budget was not approved. Since this serious objection has now been overcome nothing stands in the way of the new college.

The perfect wife was revealed in the will of William Bedford Glaser, a local solicitor. In leaving his entire estate of nearly \$100,000 to his wife he pays her the following remarkable tribute:

"I wish to express in my will that I fell in love with my dear wife at first sight. She saved my life and devoted her energy to a life of affection in my behalf. We have never quarreled. I have never said an unkind word to her in my life. In leaving my entire estate of nearly \$100,000 to his wife he pays her the following remarkable tribute:

JOSEPH BAIL, ARTIST, DEAD.

Old French Salon Loses Very
Popular Member.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Paris, Jan. 7.—By the recent death of Joseph Bail, at the age of 60, the Salon des Artistes Français (the Old Salon) loses one of its most popular members and exhibitors. He was awarded its honor medal in 1922.

CALLS PATRIOTISM
OFTEN PREJUDICE

St. Dunstan's Head Master
Asks if It Is Not a
Cause of War.

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New York Herald Bureau,
London, Jan. 7.
Instead of going down in history as the eighteen-year-old bandit chaser, Count Jean de Tholay has confessed he was only a victim of the "movies" and of a desire to see his own photograph in the French newspapers.

Count Jean achieved fame, however, when all the French newspapers here carried thrilling accounts of how he, upon hearing burglars operating in a room adjoining his own in his father's luxurious apartment in the Rue d'Assolvi, picked up an eighteenth century dagger from the library table

and with this in one hand and a small caliber revolver belonging to his father in the other hand burst in on the astonished burglars. A conflict followed and Count Jean received a knife wound from one of the burglars, but when he fired his trusty revolver the burglars fled through a window and over the garden wall, leaving bloody hand prints on the window sill.

The young Count forgot that the Paris police are experts in anthropometry, and when detectives arrived at his home and compared the bloody prints on the window sill with the measurements of his own hands, they quickly brought the little imaginative play to a ludicrous climax.

YOUTHFUL FRENCH COUNT
WAS VICTIM OF MOVIES

He Told Thrilling Story of Routing Burglars With
Dagger and Revolver, but Paris Police Prove
He Was but Seeking Notoriety.

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Paris, Jan. 7.
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They give an outlet to the primitive instincts and inherited tendencies which have no outlet in civilized life, according to Miss Mary Reaney of Furzedown College.

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When Reaney's words were quoted in the press, the physical standard of girls is improving under outdoor athletics and we are approximating more and more to the fine Greek type in which the sexual aspects are not overemphasized.

Dr. Margaret Thackrah said she wished somebody would start a campaign on the bad effects of not playing games. She said that she had examined hundreds of girls and had never found anything to support the charge that games had a disadvantageous effect on femininity.

Mrs. Adair Impery, a teacher of gymnastics, produced statistics showing that there were fewer sterile marriages among girls gymnasts than among those who took no interest in athletics. "If the girls of the working class had more games," she said, "we would have less slobering along the road with young men every night."

MUST HAVE A COURT
AT PRINCESS'S HEARING

Ordinary Assistant Won't Do,
Potsdam Judge Rules.

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In quiet contrast to the energetic attitude of the German government in doing away with the old spirit in the case of the Prussian Minister of Justice in the case of a well known judge who recently gave eloquent proof of his adhesion to the old spirit.

Judge Westphal of the Potsdam law court had summoned the wife of Prince Elitel Friedrich to appear as a witness in an officer's divorce case. Before the Princess entered the court room the Judge asked his assistant, Herr Kelch, in charge of keeping the minutes of the proceedings, to leave the room and call a court officer, Count von Grosse, to take his place, because an aristocrat must be in charge of the minutes when a Princess is heard.

'CHU CHIN CHOW' DANCER
WED TO JAPANESE POET

Former Nora Morgan Now Is
Living in London.

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New York Herald Bureau,
London, Jan. 6.
A romance uniting East and West became known here when Gonzo Koma, a Japanese poet, married Miss Nora Morgan, better known as Nora Howard, who has achieved some prominence as a classical dancer.

Mrs. Koma first saw her when she was dancing in "Chu Chin Chow." He was fascinated with her immediately and was introduced to her at a West End gathering of artists.

The couple are now living in Kensington, where Mr. Koma has turned a modern suburban residence into a villa of Japanese art, with everything in it Oriental.

Infant Death Rate
Varies in Big Cities

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FRENCH PROPHETS
PRECAST BLACK
FUTURE FOR 1922

Year of Insoluble Complications,
Ruin and Bankruptcy
Says Mme. Tresant.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Paris, Jan. 7.
To those who are unlucky enough to live in the year 1922 a bad outlook seems assured if one may believe the prophecies of Mme. Fraya Tresant, one of the most popular Paris soothsayers.

"The coming year doubtless brings the gravest cares, insoluble complications and universal troubles," is the burden of her message. "Ruin and bankruptcies are to follow one another with monotonous regularity, aggravated by the economic difficulties made by criminally audacious methods."

Fortunately for mankind, the Cannes conference will end happily after momentary troubles and difficulties and talk of a Franco-British rupture. The form of the French Government possibly will be modified, but slowly and progressively, she says. Finally, after great diplomatic convulsions, peace will be reestablished.

From a domestic standpoint the new year will be remarkable for assassinations and social scandals, especially during the month of March. There will be many railroad calamities. The cost of living continually increasing, especially in Paris, will cause "disagreeable" deaths and a lack of comfort which will render both public and private intercourse uncomfortable.

A similar prediction is voiced by at least a dozen prophets who are not so well known but who all draw the blackest possible future for France and the world. It is noticeable, however, that they all agree that Bolshevism is not conquering the world and that America is the country whence final happiness is to come, this probably with one eye on American clients who are reported to be their best customers.

The greatest difference between this year's crop of prophets when compared with Mme. de Tresant and other predecessors is that none of them dares to give even approximate dates when speaking of the appalling happenings which are to come.

When closely questioned by THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent concerning a dreadful railroad calamity one of them ventured the prophecy that there would be twenty deaths and that the country would request for even an approximate date and the continent on which the wreck is to take place was refused.

This care in avoiding dates is attributed to the habit of a large number of American women clients who, although they are anxious to learn the details of the future, take down notes and subsequently demand the return of the money if the calamities do not take place at the appointed time.

There seems to be only one male prophet who is venturing predictions on this one declaration that a new genius will come into the world during the new year. He is to be a literary light whose powers will exceed those of Shakespeare and Homer and he will come from the extreme southwestern section of the United States. The female prophets all agree that no such luck can be expected, as the arts are in a state of flux which is unlikely to give good results for many years to come.

TENNIS OUSTS ARCHERY
IN REGENT'S PARK

Court to Be Established There
Despite Protests.

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Modern sport triumphed over the old time games in a decision by the Treasury to lay out a hard tennis court in Regent's Park on the site now occupied by the Royal Xanthippe Society.

Archery has occupied the site since 1880, and the Royal Xanthippe Society itself was laid out, and archery circles here are now complaining strongly, but they are comparatively a handful as against a host of tennis players who are asking for more courts.

LANDRU GETS THREE
OFFERS OF MARRIAGE

Hundreds of Women Express
Belief He Is Innocent.

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Among the French New Year celebrations that of Henri Desire Landru, the so-called "Bluebeard of Gambais," who is in the Versailles prison, convicted of murder, is perhaps the most remarkable.

Landru raised his name before reading letters from hundreds of women who assured him they believed he was innocent and asking his advice in connection with their own troubles. Many of them were signed with the real names of the writers. There were three marriage offers if Landru escapes the guillotine.

Landru began the day by wishing the warden many happy returns, whereupon the warden replied with the traditional greeting, "Good health and all happiness," without dwelling on coming events.

Surprise was expressed by some simple minded believers in Landru's innocence that none of his fiancées took advantage of the New Year to come forward with their offers. Landru, in the charge of having murdered them.

QUEEN SITS FOR HER STATUE.

MADRID, Jan. 7.—Queen Victoria gave her first sitting to the sculptor Benlliure for an equestrian statue in which she will represent a colonel of the cavalry regiment named after her.

ATHLETICS FAVORED
FOR YOUNG GIRLS

Gymnastic Society Strongly
Indorses Outdoor Games
as Biological Need.

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MOLIERE BECOMES
LITERARY RIDDLE

300th Anniversary of His
Birth Revives Rumors as
to His